



FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN APRIL 2018 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during April 2018.



WHITE BEACH, Okinawa (Apr. 11, 2018) Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Stephanie McKinnon, right, from Montgomery, Ala., prepares to draw blood from Electronics Technician 2nd Class Elizabeth Hornbeck, from Greenville, Ohio, during a blood drive aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). Bonhomme Richard Sailors donated blood to the United States Pacific Command Armed Services Blood Bank Center Okinawa, which will be used to support special missions and exercises in the region if needed. Bonhomme Richard is operating in the Indo-Pacific region as part of a regularly scheduled patrol and provides a rapid-response capability in the event of a regional contingency or natural disaster. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Gavin Shields/Released)



MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU, Romania (Apr. 12, 2018) A U.S. Navy hospital corpsman with Back Sea Rotational Force (BSRF) 18.1 practices performing an intravenous injection on a participant during a casualty evacuation drill over Romania, April 12, 2018. BSRF medical personnel integrated with the pilots to demonstrate medical evacuation capabilities and performance of medical procedures while in the sky. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Abrey Liggins/Released)



PUERTO BARRIOS, Guatemala (Apr. 13, 2018) Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Haley Lugiano from Nokesville, Virginia, takes a selfie with Guatemalan children at the Hogar La Asuncion Orphanage in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, during Continuing Promise 2018. U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet has deployed a force to execute Continuing Promise to conduct civil-military operations including humanitarian assistance, training engagements, and medical, dental, and veterinary support in an effort to show U.S. support and commitment to Central and South America. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Dakota Young/Released)



PUERTO BARRIOS, Guatemala (Apr. 17, 2018) Lt. Cmdr. Jason Souza of Bolton, Massachusetts, Dr. Jonathan Maldonado of Guatemala, and their team of U.S. Navy and Guatemalan medical personnel remove a plexiform neurofibroma from a patient's face at the Hospital de Puerto Barrios in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala during Continuing Promise 2018. U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet has deployed a force to execute Continuing Promise to conduct civil-military operations including humanitarian assistance, training engagements, and medical, dental, and veterinary support in an effort to show U.S. support and commitment to Central and South America. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Mike DiMestico / Released)



TRINCOMALEE, Sri Lanka (Apr. 27, 2018) Lt. Cmdr. Scott Williams, an optometrist assigned to Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) and a native of SALT LAKE CITY, UT examines a Sri Lankan child's ocular health at an optometry and dental cooperative health exchange in support of Pacific Partnership 2018 (PP18). PP18's mission is to work collectively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase stability and security in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships across the Indo-Pacific Region. Pacific Partnership, now in its 13th iteration, is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jasper Seisa/Released)